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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2006, the following commentary is provided. It is noted that the restriction requirement has been levied involving Group I encompassing claims 1-15 and Group II encompassing claims 16-45.

Applicant provisionally elects claims 16-45 representing Group II.

Respectfully submitted,

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